



Attorney's Docket No.: 2982P006

Patent

In the United States Patent and Trademark Office

Application No.: 09/502,873

Confirmation No.: 5804

Applicant: Derek L. Collison, et. al.

Filed: February 11, 2000

TC/A.U.: 2126

Examiner: Ho, Andy

Docket No.: 2982P006

Customer No.: 08791

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

on July 11, 2005

Date of Deposit

Sandra Espinoza

Name of Person Mailing Correspondence

Sandra Espinoza 7/11/05

Signature

Date

Mail Stop RCE

Commissioner for Patents

P.O Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 9, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendment and reconsider the present application in view of the submission below, in connection with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.

Also accompanying this amendment is a petition for a two-month extension of time to respond, with required fee.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11.